

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 729

To help keep students safe on school-run, overnight, off-premises field trips.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 27, 2009

Mr. ROTHMAN of New Jersey introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Labor

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Phylicia’s Law”.

5 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

6 Congress finds the following:

7 (1) Students achieve their full academic poten-
8 tial when they have the ability to learn in a safe and
9 secure environment.

10 (2) Off-campus school trips comprise an inte-
11 gral part of the educational experience for our Na-

1 tion’s students. Each year millions of students enjoy
 2 these trips, which provide them with invaluable
 3 learning opportunities outside the classroom.

4 (3) There exists no Federal law requiring public
 5 schools to develop safety plans for off-premises,
 6 overnight, school-sponsored trips.

7 **SEC. 3. STUDENT SAFETY ON FIELD TRIPS.**

8 Section 4114(d)(7) of the Elementary and Secondary
 9 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7114(d)(7) is amend-
 10 ed—

11 (1) in subparagraph (D), by striking “and” at
 12 the end;

13 (2) in subparagraph (E), by adding “and” at
 14 the end; and

15 (3) by adding at the end the following:

16 “(F) an assurance that—

17 “(i) before every off-premises, over-
 18 night field trip, a written safety plan is de-
 19 veloped by the school sponsoring the trip
 20 and provided to the parents of the children
 21 concerned; and

22 “(ii) each such safety plan shall in-
 23 clude, at a minimum—

1 “(I) policies on curfews, room
2 checks, and chaperone qualifications;
3 and

4 “(II) emergency procedures to be
5 followed in the case of serious injury
6 or death;”.

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